



## News Release

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### **Some Riverside RR crossings close for nighttime maintenance**

**RIVERSIDE, Calif.** – Five railroad crossings in the city will be closed for track maintenance from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. at various dates in September and October, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad officials announced today.

BNSF rail and tie replacement crews begin work at the crossing on Harrison Street, Tuesday, Sept. 22, followed by Gibson Street, Wednesday, Sept. 23; Jackson Street Sept. 24; Jane Street, Sept. 25; and Cridge Street, Sept. 30.

Although the dates are subject to change, track crews are scheduled to replace the ties and rails in the other direction starting Oct. 6 at the Cridge Street crossing, followed by Jane Street, Oct. 9; Jackson Street, Oct. 12; Gibson Street, Oct. 13; and Harrison Street, Oct. 15. The crossings will be closed again from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m.

Those who travel over these crossings between those hours are urged to seek alternative routes on these dates.

“This \$10-million project track renewal project includes the installation of 22,483 concrete ties, five miles of new rail and 11 miles of track resurfacing,” said Lena Kent, BNSF director of public affairs. “It will help reliability for both passenger and freight trains and provide a smoother driving surface for the vehicles using the crossings.”

The crossings will be closed to all traffic because the crossing surfaces must be removed for the tie and rail replacement to occur. The crews will work at night to avoid interfering with passenger train schedules and daytime high-vehicle traffic.

Another crew will follow to renew some of the crossings with concrete surfaces. That work will require closures at the same crossings, but dates are not available at this time Kent said.

There will be increased train horn blowing activity during the all-night maintenance, Kent warned, as required by the Federal Railroad Administration.

Rail and tie replacement work outside Riverside will include the Radio Road crossing in Corona, Monday, Sept. 21, and again on Oct. 16. In addition, the crew will be working through Center Street in Highgrove Oct. 1 - 8 around the clock.

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